

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of	:	
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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/730,260	:	Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: December 9, 2003	:	Examiner: MELANIE JO HAND
For: PANTS-TYPE DISPOSABLE WEARING ARTICLE	:	

NOTICE OF APPEAL
FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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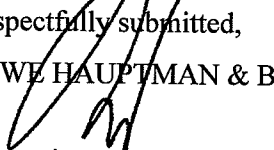
Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims .

Appeal Fee:\$500.00

- Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application).
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